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FOCUS ON FAMINE

'It's very shameful that people are dying of hunger in 2017.'
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Chase Cronk, a graduate of Fresh Start, said the new units will help people focus on recovery.
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SANCTUARY

Province puts $7 million into affordable housing at addiction centre

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New path for Pride Parade

EVENTS

Route to end at bigger venue to support growth

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Pride Parade will stroll through some new neighbourhoods this year, as the annual march has outgrown its old route down 9th Avenue.

Starting this September, the new route will run down 6th Avenue from 3rd Street S.E. to 6th Street S.W., where it will turn north along 6th Street S.W. to 3rd Avenue S.W.

The new route ultimately ends at Prince's Island Park, the new location of the Pride in the Park celebration.

"Calgary Pride's been seeing unprecedented growth," said president Jason Kingsley. "We've had tremendous local support in Calgary over the past couple of years, and we've simply outgrown our former home in Shaw Millennium Park."

To illustrate the growth, organizers teamed up with Tourism Calgary to conduct an economic impact study.

Last year, the Calgary Pride festival generated $5.5 million in economic activity in Alberta, with a $2.7-million increase to Alberta's GDP. Nearly 8,000 people from out of town came to attend.

Kingsley said events like the parade and festival help diversify Calgary's economy.

"It feels fantastic to see Calgary's community coming behind this event, coming behind diversity and inclusion in Calgary and helping grow a more vibrant city," he said.

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This year's festival takes place from Aug. 25 to Sept. 4. The Pride Parade takes place Sept. 3.

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Bill Steele, of Oshawa, Ont., has bought a 15-cell New Brunswick jail and plans to retire there.

Lost cat recovered after $5,000 reward campaign

ANIMALS

Pet adopted from humane society to be returned home

Autumn Fox
For Metro | Calgary

Money was no object for a man desperately trying to get his beloved cat back — and after his Kijiji ad went viral his story is getting the purr-fect ending.

Matt Morozoff drew public attention when he posted an ad on Kijiji, offering a staggering $5,000 for the return of his cat, Paul Lexington, who disappeared in Calgary's Signal Hill neighbourhood on March 17 during a visit to Morozoff's fiancée's home.

Little did he know, Paul had inadvertently found himself in a new home, and with a new name, by the end of the week, after being adopted out by the Calgary Humane Society.

"We were shocked that the process was that quick," said Susan Abdallah, Morozoff's fiancée.

Though Morozoff and Abdallah had combed through online lost pet resources, they missed a post on YYC Pet Recovery's Facebook page later that evening, advising that Paul had been found and turned into a nearby vet clinic for safekeeping.

"They put a picture of him up with closed eyes, sleeping. It's really hard to identify your pet if you can't see the eyes. So we overlooked that post," said Abdallah.

Unfortunately, because Paul is a farm cat and was not tattooed or micro-chipped, the clinic could not identify him or his owners, so he was turned over to the Calgary Humane Society.

Abdallah said Morozoff visited the Humane Society on Sunday, March 25, and it was there that he learned a new family had adopted Paul — or, 'Wasabi,' as the cat was now called.

According to the Calgary Humane Society, as per the Alberta Animal Protection Act, they are only obligated to hold an animal for three days before putting it up for adoption.

> **We were shocked that the process was that quick.**
> Susan Abdallah

Morozoff was informed that due to confidentiality issues, it is against policy to contact the new owners.

After Morozoff's Kijiji ad went viral in Calgary, on Monday, March 27, the Humane Society released a statement via their Facebook page that they had reached out to the new owners, who agreed to return Paul to Morozoff.

Paul Lexington, AKA: Wasabi, was adopted out by the Calgary Humane Society to a new family. Only problem being, his original owners were still searching for him - and offering a hefty reward for his return. CALGARY HUMANE SOCIETY

ECONOMICS

Notley, Wall spar on budgets

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley and Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall continue to take jabs at one another over their provincial budgets.

Notley's government tabled a budget this month that relies on forecasted economic growth to reach balance in six years. It includes a $10.3-billion deficit and $71 billion in debt by 2020.

Wall's deficit budget of $1.3 billion boosts the provincial sales tax and cuts everything from public-sector wages to funding for libraries. The goal is to whittle down the deficit to $685 million by the end of the fiscal year and achieve balance in three years.

Notley was asked Monday whether there is anything in the Saskatchewan budget that she would never do and her response was: "Almost everything."

She used Wall's five per cent cut to post-secondary education as an example of what she sees as short-term thinking that will pinch off economic growth.

On the weekend, Wall took to Twitter to say he wasn't about to take budgeting advice from Notley and the Alberta NDP. He tweeted an editorial cartoon of Notley and a provincial debt that runs off the charts.

"Premier Notley decided to give us some budgeting advice," he quipped. "Thanks, but no thanks."

Wall and Notley have been at each other since the Saskatchewan budget was released last Wednesday.

On Friday, Wall urged people to look at the Alberta premier's record. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Minister of Seniors and Housing Lori Sigurdson and Premier Rachel Notley look on as Chase Cronk shares his story at the Fresh Start Recovery Centre in Calgary. ELIZABETH CAMERON/FOR METRO

Room for recovery

WELLNESS

Province funds extra housing at addictions treatment site

Elizabeth Cameron
For Metro | Calgary

Hiding the addiction that was slowly destroying Chase Cronk's life was easier than admitting he had a problem.

Now 33, the Calgarian was pursuing a professional golfing career when his alcoholism came to a head.

"I guess ultimately, I had to allow my addiction to progress to a point where I could no longer hide it," Cronk said, speaking to media at the Fresh Start Recovery Centre.

A graduate of the facility's 12-16 week addictions program, Cronk knows the value of a stable place to call home during the recovery process.

"It's tough for us to ... put in the time, not only into recovery, but also reintegrating ourselves into society — with affordable housing, that takes the extra stress away from a financial perspective," Cronk said.

Premier Rachel Notley and Minister of Seniors and Housing Lori Sigurdson were at Fresh Start Monday to announce $7 million in funding for the facility to build 24 new affordable housing units.

That translates into 46 additional beds for graduates of the addictions treatment program, doubling current capacity.

Because of the additional units, Cronk said he will be able to move into the second phase of his recovery — literally.

"I don't have to be afraid that I can't accomplish what I need to accomplish to stay sober," he said.

Currently, more than 100 people are waiting to enter a treatment program there.

"Recovery takes time, and in many cases, valuable resources such as safe, affordable, abstinence-based housing beyond treatment (which) are the difference makers between getting well and succeeding, or staying sick," said Stacey Petersen, executive director at Fresh Start.

"I can say today, as a result of a lot of hard work and a lot of good and bad days, I feel great about the direction my recovery is going in," said Cronk.

HEALTH

Airdrie gets 24-hour urgent care service

Autumn Fox
For Metro | Calgary

Airdrie residents will soon have access to round-the-clock urgent care, saving them from late-night trips to nearby hospitals in Calgary and Didsbury.

At present, treatment of non-life-threatening emergencies at Airdrie Urgent Care is only available from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. until Monday, Apr. 3, when the new hours take effect.

Airdrie Mayor Peter Brown is thrilled with the Alberta Health Services decision, saying it was "a long time coming."

"Having 62,000 people not having access to a 24 hour service really was unreasonable."

> **We need a hospital out here.**
> Andrelynn Mitchell

Last year, more than 30,500 patients were seen at the centre.

Dr. Elaine Desnoyers, medical director at Airdrie Urgent Care, said the new hours, combined with new treatment spaces, will cut down on wait times and improve the staff's ability to treat patients efficiently.

While the public response has been positive, some Airdrie residents say it's not enough.

Andrelynn Mitchell said the Urgent Care Centre can't deal with major emergencies.

"I think it's a step in the right direction, but I feel like they've got more to go. We need a hospital out here."

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Keep calm and travel on

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Calgary Board of Education staff said the Westminster bridge attack in London last week hasn't prompted them to cancel any trips abroad.

Board communications specialist Megan Geyer says student travel to the United States or Europe is still on, with the exception of trips to France and Belgium (the decision to cancel trips to these two countries took place months ago).

The CBE said they currently have a group of students, from two different high schools, on a trip in the United Kingdom, three hours north of London.

"Principals from both high schools have been in contact with the group and sent messages home on Wednesday letting parents know that the students are safe and that their travel itinerary is proceeding as planned," said Geyer.

Geyer added there are no other student trips currently scheduled to or through London in the immediate future.

The CBE said they're continually monitoring world events and respond on a case-by-case basis.

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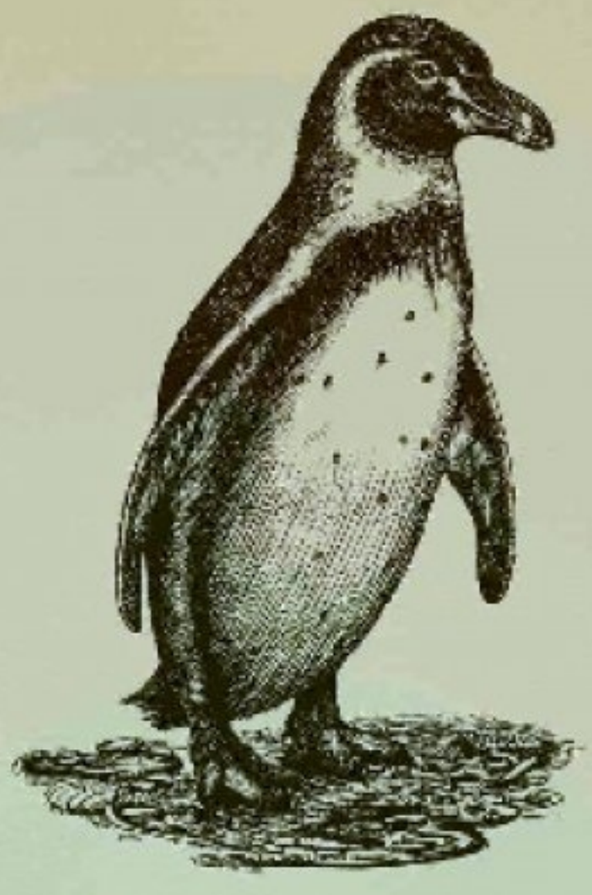

Endangered

What's really at risk is transparency, the truth and fair treatment of Calgary Zoo employees.

The zoo has proudly announced they have entered into an agreement with the Animal Care Centre of Strathmore.

What they haven't announced is that this agreement means they are outsourcing the jobs of current, well-trained Animal Health Technicians to a veterinary practice that will need to hire and train people to care for exotic animals to replace skilled employees — some with decades of experience.

What's more, they haven't disclosed any of the financial details or reasons around this move.

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Jen Magnus publicly resigned from the Calgary Police Service after allegations of bullying and harassment. **Magnus says fears exist in CPS members who witness bullying and harassment but are worried they too will end up a victim.** ELIZABETH CAMERON/FOR METRO

Bullying expert calls for bystander training

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

Workplace coaches, public education also recommended

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

An Alberta bullying expert says she hopes the Calgary Police Service's new policies in terms of workplace bullying and harassment will have mechanisms in place to deal with bystanders.

Over the last year, the Calgary Police Service has been under the spotlight after allegations of bullying and harassment within the ranks surfaced.

Members who spoke with Metro said there were often fellow officers — and leaders — within the force who witnessed bullying and did nothing.

"We know that's the most important role of all," said Linda Crockett, founder and executive director of Alberta Bullying Research, Resources and Recovery Center.

Most recently, 14 members filed formal complaints against the service, who are expected to update the Calgary Police Commission Tuesday about the progress they have made in dealing with the issues, including hiring an independent auditor.

Metro reached out to CPS, who said that out of respect for the CPC they wouldn't be giving any updates prior to the meeting.

Crockett said in her experience, there are five things that need to happen to help bystanders feel comfortable with speaking out about the bullying and harassment they witness.

First, Crockett said all CPS policies and procedures should be updated, clear and accessible.

"But most importantly followed through with on a consistent basis, fairly and in a timely manner," she said.

Crockett said it's also important to introduce bystander education and training so that everyone understands the definition of psychological harassment and can see the signs.

"This offers validation to the experience of the bystander as well," she said.

Validation is something former CPS officer and official complainant Jen Magnus would like to see addressed as well.

"I hold it on the leaders, because what they need to do is validate when someone comes up with a complaint and act on it," she said.

Crockett said she also believes bystanders should have resources such as workplace coaches specifically trained in bystander issues, and she'd like to see the public educated on what a bystander goes through.

Finally, Crockett said it's important to identify the barriers bystanders face with coming forward, which can include being overwhelmed with work or personal issues, fear of being a target or fear of job loss.

"It was even said to me by one person that they knew what was happening to me but didn't want to speak out because they were scared they'd end up with a 'bad reputation' like mine," said Magnus, who agrees more needs to be done to educate others on the issue.

"They didn't want to end up like I did, with my career ruined and me pretty much done."

CASTLERIDGE

Police release sketch of shooting suspect

Police hope the release of a composite sketch of a man suspected of shooting another in Calgary's Castleridge community in early February will prompt public tips to identify the man.

According to police, on Feb. 11, a group of people left a house party in the 100 block of Castleridge Way NE, shortly after 4:30 a.m.

While leaving the area, two groups got into an argument. One man walked a short distance to the intersection of Castleridge Drive and Castleridge Way NE, when someone came up to him from behind.

The man was shot with a handgun multiple times.

The suspect then got into the passenger side of a white SUV driven by a black woman, fleeing the area westbound on Castleridge Drive NE, police said.

The victim was able to call 911 for help and was transported to the hospital.

The composite sketch.
COURTESY CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

Police are seeking a suspect described as a black male, between 16 to 20 years old, 5'6" to 5'9" tall, with lighter skin and short dark hair.

Anyone with information about the suspect or driver of the white SUV is asked to contact the CPS non-emergency number at 403-266-1234, or Crime Stoppers anonymously. METRO

Pot purchase possibilities

LEGALIZATION

Calgary entrepreneur ready to grow weed business

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

A federal timeline for marijuana legalization means Alberta entrepreneurs are ready to grow their businesses.

Legalization legislation is coming to parliament in early April, and on Monday the federal government said they plan to have pot policies in place before Canada Day 2018.

The City of Calgary sent documents to the federal government with their legalization wish-list as the Taskforce for Marijuana Legalization and Regulation worked away on a report that was released late last year.

So far, hints on what legislation will look like seem to follow what the task force recommended. The feds are putting some key decisions in the hands of the province: legal purchasing age, and how the substance is bought and sold.

Jeff Mooij is the owner of 420 Clinic in Calgary. JEREMY SIMES/METRO

Jeff Mooij, owner of the 420 Clinic said this is his launching off point, but he's moving toward legalization with one eye open, one eye closed. He's buzzing.

"But 15 months isn't a long time, it's not a long time to plan a brand new industry being born," Mooij said.

"That's just crazy talk."

Just having the date and a time to shoot for is a step in the right direction and a confirmation that his pipe dream could soon become a reality.

He's planning on opening up at least 15 dispensary locations provincewide (if they're legal). That means he has to work with a handful of different jurisdictions who all may have different rules in mind.

"We're going to be aggressive, lots needs to be done," Mooij said. "By the end of the year, we could have 300 staff working for us, there's a lot that needs to be done and 15 months isn't enough time."

On the federal level, Mooij said there are still questions, like whether or not licensed producers can provide product interprovincially, or if they will only be able to sell to local distributors.

Last June, councillors in Calgary approved bylaw tweaks to legislate how marijuana counselling services work with the city's land use bylaws. It was established that the medical marijuana centres couldn't be within 300 meters of one another, while also not being within 150 metres of a school.

It's also become clear that the city's current bylaws don't list marijuana smoke.

Last year, the City of Calgary withdrew bylaw infraction charges against a medical marijuana user after she was ticketed for medicating on transit property numerous times.

Her lawyer suggested one of the reasons the city withdrew their charges was because their bylaw specifically talks about tobacco smoke, not marijuana.

LEGISLATION

Notley mum on details

The legislation will no doubt launch a slew of public consultation sessions with Albertans as the province is keeping lips sealed on where their legislation will fall once pot is legal.

On Monday, Premier Rachel Notley told reporters they are still working on final versions of legislation when it comes to how and where marijuana will be sold.

"There's no question – we are concerned about ensuring the safety and health of young Albertans," said Notley. "And we're also concerned about ensuring we don't somehow kick-start another black market, so we have to balance those issues."

She said before the final rules are put in place there's much to consider, and Albertans will have their say.

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Morneau heading south to tout trade

TRIP

Minister to meet U.S. governors and mayors

Canada's finance minister says he intends to head south of the border next week to reinforce the importance of Canada-U.S. trade.

"Our approach was to be deeply engaged with the new administration from Day 1 ... I've been there three times this month," Bill Morneau told a question-and-answer session following a speech about the federal budget to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce on Monday.

"This is an ongoing effort for us to make sure the Americans we're working with really understand the benefits of dealing with Canada."

Morneau joked with the audience that the one question he has heard from individuals as he has travelled across the country is what is Donald Trump like? He noted TransCanada Corp. CEO Russ Girling was at the head table.

"I don't have to answer it because Russ is here and he met with him last week. He's got more recent experience."

Calgary-based TransCanada's hotly debated, long-delayed Keystone XL pipeline received its elusive U.S. presidential permit from Trump last week, eight years and six months after the energy company first applied.

> **There's emerging evidence the worst effects of the oil shock are fading.**
> Bill Morneau

Morneau spent most of his speech touting his recent budget. He acknowledged that things have been tough in Alberta. "I know that Albertans, perhaps more than anybody in Canada, fully understand these challenges. I know that the drop in global oil prices, now more than two years old, was a precursor to some real challenges," he said.

"There's emerging evidence that the worst effects of the oil shock are fading. Employment in this province has increased by 20,000 since July 2016. We've seen since we came into office a reduction in unemployment from 7.1 per cent down to 6.6 per cent.

"I recognize that despite some hopeful signs, families are still anxious. And we know that we can do more."

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Elvin De Los Santos from Father Lacombe High School preps for performing at last year's festival. COURTESY KELLY BROWNLEE

EASTSIDE DANCE FESTIVAL

Dance fest grows from grassroots

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Get ready to move it move it for the fifth annual Eastside Dance Festival — which is moving into Decidedly Jazz Danceworks this year.

The donation of the space is a huge win for the high school dance festival, which originally began in a gymnasium.

Eastside Dance Festival unites students from high schools across the east side of Calgary, allowing them to show off the skills they've been working on, and connect with the professional dance world.

"With our kids, who are not necessarily technically trained, they wouldn't have a opportunity to dance in a studio," said organizer Kelly Brownlee. "There's financial restraints on the east side of Calgary that are not necessarily felt on the north side."

The festival allows these kids their first chance to meet and get advice from professional dancers, who make their living through the artform.

"(The students) sort of go home armed with a battery of arguments to their parents to why they want to be in dance as a career," continued Brownlee. "They're so passionate about it."

The festival is now sponsored by a number of dance companies. On top of performance space, DJD gives a prize for most promising dancer, and dance groups like illFX give out scholarships and bursaries — in addition to performing in the show.

Many dancers who were part of the first few festivals have returned and adjudicators or choreographers, as a way to give back to the school community that helped them pursue their passions.

Whether the students continue dance or not after high school, the artform provides them with valuable skills.

"The biggest thing is the ability to achieve excellence," explained Karyn Leavitt, dance teacher at Lester B. Pearson High School. "Through performance, you're disciplining yourself to aim for greater, so they use these habits in all areas of their lives. Being able to attain something more for themselves."

The Eastside Dance Festival takes place Tuesday, April 4 at DJD.

Doors open at 5 p.m.

Annual job fair matches youth to employment

JOBS

Thousands to attend event featuring over 80 companies

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Although the economy is dragging its heels, the city's 2017 Youth Employment Fair is still gearing young Calgarians toward success.

The fair, which is set for Tuesday, promises to impress with more than 80 employers on the hunt for young talent — as long as participants dress to impress and arrive on site ready for on-the-spot job interviews.

"Typically every year we see about 5,000 youth coming through the event," said spokeswoman Jennifer MacSween. "We did see a higher influx last year, but it's a really popular event; it only happens once a year, so it's a massive opportunity for young people to get connected with local employers."

There will be a variety of industries on hand including finance, hospitality, non-profit, trades and recreation, with thousands of job opportunities.

But they don't have to brave their resumé-writing process alone. The Youth Employment Centre will be on hand and ready to help from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. If your resume needs a polish that's the place to go.

"If they need some extra assistance they can drop by the employment centre and get connected with an employment counsellor," MacSween said. "We can help to make that targeted resumé and help them develop a plan for the hiring fair — it's going to be a busy day."

The event will be held at the Big Four in Stampede Park starting at 1:30 p.m. and going through to 6 p.m. It's free to attend and is open for Calgarians between the ages of 15 and 24.

Jennifer MacSween says about 5,000 youth take part in the annual Youth Hiring Fair, organized by the City of Calgary's Youth Employment Centre. A list of employers taking part is available online at youthemploymentcentre.ca. ELIZABETH CAMERON/METRO

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Notley open to ending time change

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley says ending time change in Alberta is a good idea.

She says the only problem is deciding which way to switch.

The legislature is considering a private member's bill that would see Alberta end the biannual ritual.

NDP backbencher Thomas Dang's proposal calls for Alberta to be on central standard time all year instead of mountain time.

That means Alberta would be on the same time as Saskatchewan year round, one hour ahead of British Columbia in the summer and two hours ahead of B.C. in the winter.

Notley says she supports Dang's bill in principle, but the jury is still out on which time zone to go with.

"Do you do away with it? I am kind of fond of that idea. But then the question is: What one do you pick?" she said Monday.

"I think in principle it is a really good idea, but we've also heard from Albertans on both sides of the issue."

If the bill passes, it wouldn't take effect until November 2018.

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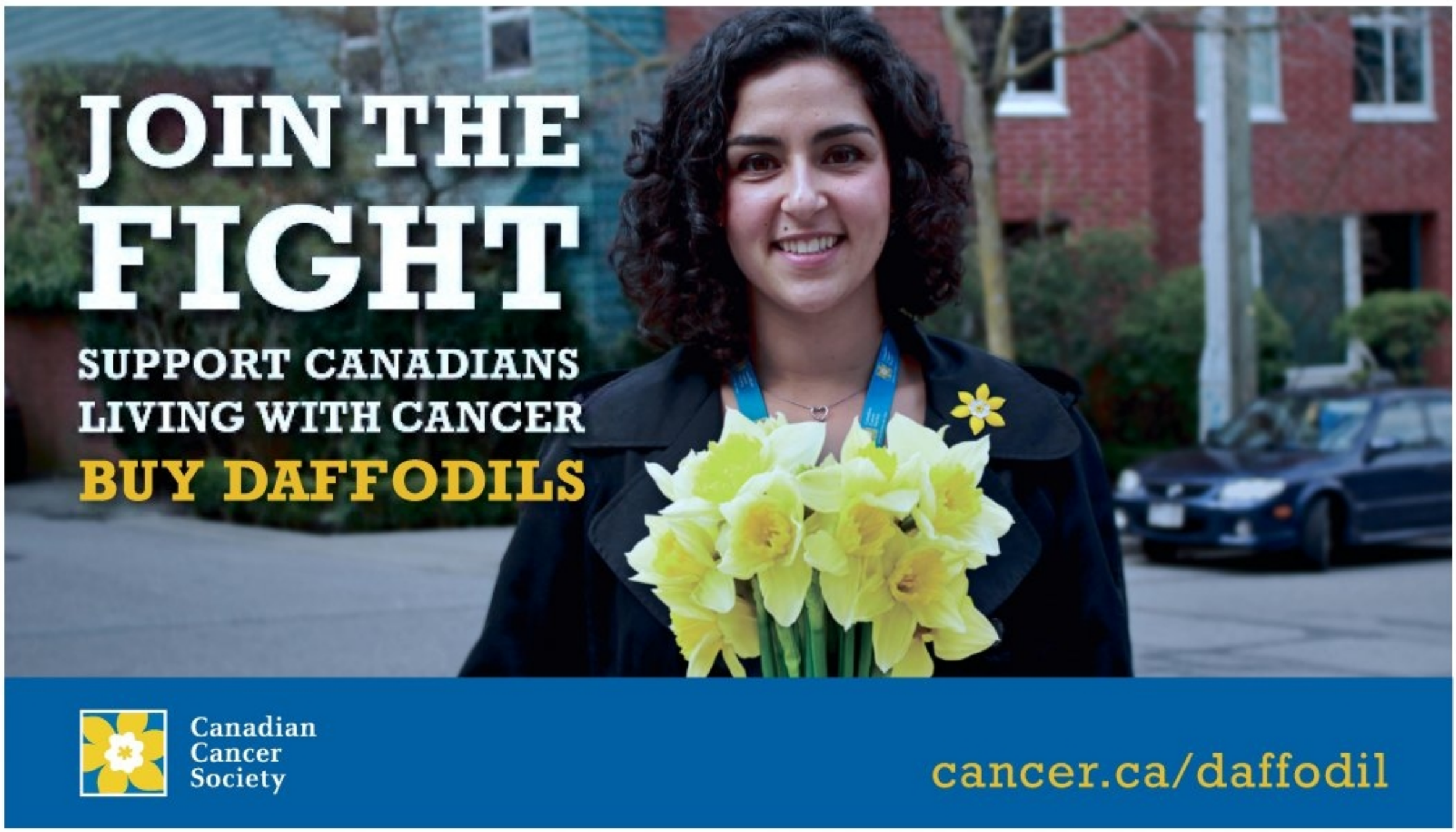

Emissions target elusive

ENVIRONMENT CANADA

Report says we are on pace to miss reduction target for 2030

The Syncrude oilsands plant, north of Fort McMurray, Alta., in 2009. **Environment Canada says oil prices and economic growth are some of the factors that will impact Canada's greenhouse gas emissions.** MARK RALSTON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Environment Canada is projecting that, based on policies in place last November, the country was on pace to miss its reduction target for greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, pumping out at least 30 per cent more than promised that year.

The projections, which were compiled in February and published online this month, are not a forecast of how emissions will change in the coming years. The report describes the projections more as an educated guess based on policies in place as of Nov. 1, 2016.

The projections don't factor in technological and regulatory changes after that day, for example, and are "most appropriately viewed as a range of plausible outcomes," the report says.

The biggest development since Nov. 1 is the unveiling of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, a federal-provincial deal to cut emissions that was inked last December.

Erin Flanagan, director of federal policy for the Pembina Institute, said the report is nonetheless a "red flag," as it underlines how the government must remain vigilant and committed to cutting emissions that contribute to climate change.

"It is a constant reminder that our job is not done," Flanagan said.

"Politicians have an unhelpful habit of announcing plans and thinking that the announcement means they can transition to other priorities. We need to see constant engagement from the federal government, and from the provinces and territories."

According to the Environment Canada projections based on policies as of Nov. 1, Canada will emit between 697 megatonnes and 790 megatonnes of greenhouse gases in 2030, depending on a range of factors that include oil prices and the rate of economic growth.

> **It is a constant reminder that our job is not done.**
> Erin Flanagan

Canada's goal under the Liberal government is to cut emissions to 523 megatonnes in 2030 — a reduction of 30 per cent below 2005 levels.

Mélanie Quesnel, a spokesperson for Environment and Climate Change Canada, said in an email Monday that the projections in the report don't include the accelerated phase-out of coal by 2030, which was announced in late November. She said the projections also only feature estimated reductions under existing provincial carbon pricing regimes in B.C., Alberta, Ontario and Quebec.

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GERMANY

Gold coin pinched

A massive gold coin issued by the Royal Canadian Mint has been stolen from a museum in Germany.

Police in Berlin say thieves broke into the German capital's Bode Museum before dawn Monday and made off with the 100-kilogram gold coin worth millions of dollars.

The "Big Maple Leaf" coin.

The "Big Maple Leaf" coin, which is three centimetres thick with a diameter of 53 centimetres, has a portrait of the Queen on one side and maple leaves on the other.

The museum, which has one of the largest coin collections in the world, said on its website that coin has been on loan in its numismatic collection since 2010.

It was issued by the Royal Canadian Mint in 2007 and it is in the Guinness Book of Records for its purity of 999.99/1000 gold.

Royal Canadian Mint spokesman Alex Reeves says the coin has a face value of $1 million, but by weight alone it would be worth almost $4.5 million US at market prices. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Finance Minister Bill Morneau says the issue of taxation is secondary to making sure marijuana stays out of the hands of children and criminals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pot tax still a sticky issue

MARIJUANA

Government remains so far unsure how to pull revenue

The Trudeau government is still wrestling with how to tax recreational pot, even as it indicates it's poised to introduce long-awaited legalization legislation next month in advance of April 20 — the "Weed Day" popularly known as 4/20.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau said Monday that the feds "haven't made enough progress" in terms of taxing marijuana and several other issues related to legalizing the drug.

The focus has instead been on making sure weed stays out of the hands of children and criminals, Morneau said during a news conference in Calgary.

"Those are our two key goals as we move forward," he said.

"The issue around taxation, any of those issues, are very subsidiary to those first two goals, and we've not yet gotten to conclusions on those sort of aspects at this time."

News of the pending legislation — the timing of which, media reports suggest, means recreational pot would be fully legal by July 1, 2018 — pushed up share prices Monday for the country's large marijuana producers.

Shares of Canopy Growth Corp. closed 11 per cent higher after gaining $1.10 to $10.98 on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Aphria finished 8.39 per cent higher at $6.72 per share, a gain of 52 cents.

Yet Morneau's comments suggest at least one key issue remains far from resolved, despite the fact multiple government sources confirmed Monday that the government plans to introduce the bill during the week of April 10.

And the timing has at least one critic suggesting the Liberal government is more interested in placating marijuana users, who famously gather around the world each April 20 — including on Parliament Hill — to indulge in their favourite strain and flout the law in jurisdictions where it's illegal.

"This is a totally arbitrary timeline," said Conservative health critic Colin Carrie.

"(Prime Minister Justin Trudeau) is more interested in pandering to the marijuana users than doing his job and looking after the health and safety of Canadians."

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Liberals urged to sell assets to private sector

A new report is urging the Trudeau Liberals to make its new, experimental infrastructure bank a centre for helping cities and provinces sell off existing assets, rather than just helping to build new infrastructure.

The C.D. Howe Institute says the Liberals, along with provinces, territories and cities, could raise between $67-$100 billion by selling off revenue-generating assets like airports that would be attractive to private sector investors.

The Liberals have been considering whether to sell off stakes in Canada's airports, Finance Minister Bill Morneau said last week, adding that it is part of an ongoing discussion around what assets the government should continue to own.

The paper says the Liberals should also consider allowing domestic or foreign investors to cover the full price for projects, absent public funding.

Benjamin Dachis, the institute's associate director of research and the author of the paper, says the Liberals should also provide provincial and municipal governments with financian incentives to work with the proposed bank.

The bank would use $35 billion in federal cash and financing to pull into four times that amount from the private sector, if all goes according to plan, to help pay for new projects.

"Government spending has its inevitable limits, and government ownership of much of Canada's major infrastructure is limiting the ability of governments to invest in the new infrastructure Canadians need," Dachis writes.

"A systematic policy in which governments seek to broaden the ownership of Canada's billions of dollars of government user-fee supported assets would address this problem. It would also open investment opportunities for institutional investors keen to invest in Canadian infrastructure."

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FOCUS ON FAMINE

DAY 2: Somalia

The UN World Food Program warned the situation could mirror the 2011 crisis that killed about 260,000 in the Horn of Africa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Just heartbreaking'

Drought and armed conflict have left much of Somalia grappling with starvation

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

The story still gives Hassan Ibrahim nightmares.

Earlier this year, a woman and her three young children left Somalia's northeastern region of Garoowe, one of the areas hit hardest by the ongoing drought. They walked 10 days to Mogadishu, the capital city where many non-profit organizations have been assisting thousands of Somalis. By the time she reached it, all three of her children had starved to death on the way.

"Just heartbreaking," said Ibrahim, originally from northern Somalia but a resident of Canada for more than 20 years.

"It's very shameful that people are dying of hunger in 2017. There's just too much wealth in the world, and this famine situation could have been easily prevented."

Somalia is one of four countries facing famine, a result of both long drought and the ongoing conflict with terrorist rebels Al Shabab. By the end of last month, more than 250,000 people had left their rural homes to join settlements in urban areas or cross the border into neighbouring countries.

The UN World Food Program, one of many groups providing assistance on the ground, warned the current situation could mirror the 2011 crisis, when a full-blown famine in the Horn of Africa killed about 260,000 people.

Members of the Somali Canadian Task Force on Famine Prevention in Somalia have teamed up with Islamic Relief Canada to raise funds that will help buy food. CONTRIBUTED

Members of the Somali Canadian Task Force on Famine Prevention in Somalia have teamed up with Islamic Relief Canada to raise funds that will help buy food supplies for people affected by famine.

But Ibrahim, 42, fears it could get worse, especially since signs of hunger are now spread all over the country.

"People are losing 500 or 600 heads of camels and sheep and cows," he said, noting the country mostly subsists on the cattle industry. "This is the worst we've seen in our lifetime."

Ibrahim and other Somali Canadians are leading fundraising efforts across the country. Last month, the newly formed Task Force on Famine Prevention in Somalia sent a letter to Justin Trudeau asking him to do more.

"We just want the world to know they can help save lives," he said.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Somali-Canadians across the country and many other NGOs are leading efforts to assist those affected by famine in Somalia:

- **Somali Canadian Task Force on Famine Prevention in Somalia:** Formed last month as a response to the ongoing famine, the group has raised over $300,000 through Islamic Relief Canada. More info at islamicreliefcanada.org
- **Horn of Africa Development Assistance:** The Ottawa-based non-profit runs development projects in Somalia aimed at fighting poverty and building capacity. To get involved or donate, visit hada.ca

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Metro is chronicling the story through the lens of immigrants from the affected countries, with a focus on how people can get involved.

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Wednesday Yemen, and the role of war in the ongoing famine.

Thursday The situation in South Sudan, the world's youngest country.

Friday Nigeria, with views from diaspora members and a local expat

BY THE NUMBERS | SOMALIA

1 in 2
Somalia has a population of 12.3 million. Of its entire population, nearly **6.2 million people are food insecure**

363,000
children under five are acutely malnourished

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Man's motive still a mystery

LONDON ATTACK

'No evidence' that Khalid Masood had link to Daesh

Police have found no evidence that the man who killed four people in London last week was associated with Daesh or al-Qaida, a senior British counter-terrorism officer said Monday.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu of the Metropolitan Police said Westminster attacker Khalid Masood clearly had "an interest in jihad," but police have no indication he discussed his attack plans with others.

Basu, who also serves as Britain's senior national co-ordinator for counterterrorism policing, said last Wednesday's attack — in which Masood ran down pedestrians on London's Westminster Bridge before fatally stabbing a policeman guarding Parliament — "appears to be based on low-sophistication, low-tech, low-cost techniques copied from other attacks."

Masood, 52, was shot dead by police after his deadly rampage, which police have revealed lasted just 82 seconds.

Police believe Masood — a Briton with convictions for violence who had spent several years in Saudi Arabia — acted alone, but are trying to determine whether others helped inspire or direct his actions.

Detectives on Monday continued to question a 30-year-old man arrested Sunday and a 58-year-old man arrested shortly after Wednesday's attack. Both were detained in the central England city of Birmingham, where Masood had recently lived.

Prime Minister Theresa May said last week that Masood was "a peripheral figure" in an investigation into violent extremism some years ago. But Basu said he was not a "subject of interest" for counterterrorism police or the intelligence services before last week's attack.

Masood was born Adrian Elms, but changed his name in 2005, suggesting a conversion to Islam.

Basu said there was no sign Masood was radicalized during one of his stints in prison, the last of which was in 2003.

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HONG KONG ESCALATOR SENDS PASSENGERS HURTLING
Video footage shot by witnesses showed that an upwards escalator at Mong Kok mall in Hong Kong suddenly reversed and went downward at an obviously higher speed, causing dozens of passengers to lose their balance and tumble down. "It was so sudden that people couldn't respond in time ... more than 10 people piled up near the base of the escalator," shopper Lau Kit-ying told the South China Morning Post. The escalator reportedly passed a safety inspection just last week. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE/SCREENGRAB

AIRLINE

Leggings fly: United

United Airlines says regular-paying flyers are welcome to wear leggings aboard its flights, even though two teenage girls were barred by a gate agent from boarding a flight from Denver to Minneapolis because of their attire.

An airline spokesman said that the girls were travelling Sunday under an employee travel pass that includes a dress code. The move sparked a wave of online criticism against United. Comedian Sarah Silverman tweeted she would change her United flight bookings to other airlines for a tour next month because of the leggings issue.

Chicago-based United sought to clarify its stance in a post on its website late Sunday titled, "To our customers ... your leggings are welcome!"

The post says employees are "regularly reminded" about its dress code.

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Attorney General issues funding threat to sanctuary cities

Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Monday warned so-called sanctuary cities they could lose federal money for refusing to co-operate with immigration authorities and suggested the government would come after grant money that has already been awarded if they don't comply.

Sessions said the Justice Department would require cities seeking some of $4.1 billion available in grant money to verify that they are in compliance with a section of federal law that allows information sharing with immigration officials.

Meanwhile, municipal leaders gathered in New York vowed to defy Trump's crackdown as they gathered for a small conference that attracted officials from cities including San Francisco, Seattle, Denver, Chicago, Philadelphia and New York.

"We are going to become this administration's worst nightmare," said New York City council speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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New code for egg farmers hailed

ANIMAL WELFARE

Cramped cages for hens to be phased out

The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies says a new code of practice for egg farmers will help reduce the extreme stress suffered by egg-laying hens and give consumers some assurance about the term "cage-free."

The National Farm Animal Care Council code released Monday calls for producers to phase out the use of small, cramped cages for hens over the next 15 years and sets new care standards for the birds.

Ninety per cent of egg-laying hens live in cramped cages, but the code will help egg farmers make the transition to more humane practices, federation president Barbara Cartwright said.

"The phase-out of barren battery cages is a huge win for Canada's hens," she said. "The timeline is much longer than we consider acceptable, but it doesn't diminish how meaningful a change this is."

Battery cages are so small that hens can't walk or spread their wings for their entire lives. No more of these cages are to be built in Canada as of Saturday.

The new code says at least 85 per cent of hens should be housed in larger enclosures known as "enriched cages" or should be "cage-free" by 2031. Producers who can't meet that target have another five years to meet the standard, but must give hens more and better living space in the meantime.

The code also spells out standards of care to ensure that hens can perch and forage for food, have boxes to nest in and better care if they become sick or hurt.

Geoff Urton, who helped negotiate the changes on behalf of the federation, said without the new code the term "cage-free" that some consumers look for when buying eggs could be meaningless.

Some 17,000 hens and one rooster at Pelissero's egg farm in West Lincoln, Ont., live in new enriched colony housing cages that may be the envy of others in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

He said some of the guidelines are among the most progressive in the world.

"It is probably the most significant animal welfare achievement, influencing the greatest number of animals, that Canada has ever had."

The federation expects that half of egg-laying hens will be in cage-free barns within eight years. Roger Pelissero, chairman of Egg Farmers of Canada, said the transition will be a challenge for some of the organization's 1,000 regulated farmers as they look at upgrading their equipment.

Pelissero said the transition's speed will partly depend on demand for eggs and the price consumers are willing to pay.

"Cage-free eggs will cost more money because it does cost more to produce that egg in that system," said Pelissero, who has an egg farm near St. Ann's, Ont.

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NEW YORK CITY

Fearless Girl statue to stay a while longer

The statue of a young girl staring down Wall Street's famed Charging Bull will remain in place through February 2018 instead of being removed this coming Sunday, the mayor of New York said. Mayor Bill de Blasio appeared with the Fearless Girl statue on Monday on the lower Manhattan traffic meridian where the two bronze figures face each other.

The four-foot, 250-pound ponytailed girl was installed this month to highlight the dearth of women on corporate boards as she stands strong against the 11-foot-tall, 7,100-pound bull. The girl became an instant tourist draw and Internet sensation.

On Monday, U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney led a group of prominent women in front of City Hall to honour the artist, Kristen Visbal, and State Street Global Advisors, the firm that commissioned the work.

The bull, created by Arturo Di Modica, arrived after the 1987 stock market crash as a symbol of Americans' financial resilience and can-do spirit.

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The Charging Bull and Fearless Girl statues face each other on Lower Broadway in New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEGISLATION

Elevator bill getting lift from both sides

A private member's bill that aims to tackle the problem of unreliable elevators appears to have gained some traction on both sides of the aisle as the proposed Ontario legislation heads toward its first debate.

Both Consumer Services Minister Tracy MacCharles and Opposition Leader Patrick Brown praised the initiative.

The bill by Liberal government backbencher Han Dong, introduced last week and slated for debate April 13, has two main sections: One aims to set time limits for getting broken elevators back in service — 14 days for most buildings, seven for retirement homes and long-term-care facilities — and involves changes to the Consumer Protection Act. The second part calls for changes to the provincial building code to mandate elevator-traffic studies for new high-rise buildings.

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A whole solution in half a house

Forget giving it 110 per cent — when it comes to affordable housing, 50 per cent gets the job done. Build half a house. That's Chilean architect Alejandro Aravena's plan to tackle the global housing shortage. Dubbed 'incrementality,' the plan has earned Aravena international acclaim. **Metro asked Michael McClelland, founding partner of ERA Architects, if it could happen here.**

ELEMENTAL

1 Guidance required Half-houses already built in Mexico and Chile feature a full frame and a line down the middle. One half is a fully functioning home. The other is empty space the new owners can fill as they wish. The design cuts costs and creates pride of ownership for residents.

2 The right tenant Nothing inherent in the plan would stop Canadians from trying it, said McClelland, but it could be more suitable for particular tenants. He envisions affordable live-work spaces, with housing completed by pros and the workspace handed over to artists.

3 Location, location, location Plunking a subdivision of half-houses into dense urban areas isn't likely, said McClelland, but large areas slated for development are an ideal canvas.

4 After the War Amateur house-building kits were popular after the Second World War, when housing needed to go up fast. To that end, Aravena's firm released drawings for four of its low-cost designs for free download by others wanting to emulate the project.

5 Now's the time The federal budget released last week included $11.2 billion for housing initiatives over 11 years. That means it's the perfect time to start dreaming up big, bold ideas, McClelland said.

WORD ON THE STREET by David Hains

Five simple steps to build a happy city

Charles Montgomery
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

For urbanist author Charles Montgomery, the overriding goal of city planning is clear: Make people happy.

Montgomery, the author of the 2013 book Happy City, had this revelation when he learned about Enrique Penalosa, the former mayor of Bogotá, Colombia, who dedicated himself not to increasing the Colombian capital's GDP or reducing crime, but to increase residents' happiness.

Earlier this month, Canada ranked seventh of 154 countries on the UN's World Happiness Report: Not bad, but still our lowest score ever. Canadian cities could be happier. We asked Montgomery how.

Experiment

Montgomery said cities should try new ideas and measure what works. "The city is a laboratory," he said.

Understand what makes happiness

Some of the metrics behind happiness, like GDP per capita and life expectancy, are predictable. But others aren't as obvious, including generosity, trust and the freedom to make life choices. Montgomery said these elements are critical to building a happy city, and the greatest contributor to unhappiness is low social trust.

People want to live in happy cities

If you ask people where they would like to live, there's a good chance they'll describe a happy city, where there's the freedom to walk to work or shopping, and spaces to interact with neighbours and be close to nature.

Authentic spaces

Montgomery said the best public spaces for happiness are non-corporate and comforting. He cites a Portland, Ore. neighbourhood that transformed an intersection into a public piazza. "There was a blast radius of happiness around there," he said.

Power to the people

In order to enable more of these happy spaces, Montgomery said people should feel empowered to shape their city. "Most of us never get a chance to co-create our lives in cities," he observed. But we'd be happier if we did.

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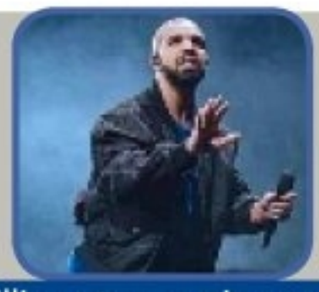

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A taste of Indigenous culture

FOOD

Chefs aim to raise awareness of traditional native foods

Canadian cuisine might include a mix of culinary traditions, but the food of one of the country's founding groups is largely missing. An emerging group of indigenous chefs and restaurateurs hope to change that.

Rich Francis, chef-owner of Seventh Fire Hospitality Group in Saskatoon, says he's "cooking for reconciliation" as he specializes in his interpretation of modern indigenous cuisine.

"Everything that's been taught in school is through a colonial lens. It's not our story. It's colonial books, so now I'm stepping into a time where we are telling our own stories through our own lens and our own vision."

Francis, a member of the Tetlit Gwich'in and Tuscarora Nation and originally from Fort McPherson, N.W.T., was a finalist on Top Chef Canada and is opening a restaurant this summer.

Meanwhile, he's catering and conducting events like a recent Cooking for Reconciliation dinner series in Vancouver, where he focused on local indigenous foods such as halibut, razor clams, and stone fruits.

Lenore Newman, a B.C. professor with a Canada Research Chair in food security and environment, says the country is seeing a resurgence in indigenous food "and a very timely one that needs to happen."

"I think there is still serious reparation to be made, though."

During work for her recent book, Speaking in Cod Tongues: A Canadian Culinary Journey, Newman learned of Indigenous groups' huge role in helping early settlers survive.

"Then you enter this horrible period where indigenous cuisine was actively destroyed and used as a weapon. The biggest example is the clearing of the bison and how that was basically a genocide," says Newman.

"Out here on the West Coast the potlatch was banned. In residential schools, people were taken away from their indigenous foods. They were prevented from using them or talking about them.

"We have a lot of reckoning to do and some of that is culinary. And so what that meant was for a very long time you didn't hear about indigenous cuisine except very peripherally as kind of exotic."

Tina Ottereyes, who manages Tea-N-Bannock, agrees First Nations food is "very underrepresented" in restaurants and is happy more eateries are opening.

Tina Ottereyes manages Tea-N-Bannock, where the menu reflects different First Nations groups. A sample of a meal shared on Instagram: soup, bannock and wild salad (top right). Another eatery, NishDish, serves Anishinaabe cuisine such as gluten-free corn cake with blueberry coulis (below right). RANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS; INSTAGRAM

"We're starting to share more of our culture and more of our food," says Ottereyes, from Wemindji Cree First Nation on James Bay in Quebec.

"When I grew up we hunted and we trapped and we fished. That was my culture, that was the food that I ate.... Each tribe has a different diet according to their area."

The menu at Tea-N-Bannock reflects traditional dishes from different tribes. Hominy corn grown by a local farmer is the base for their Ojibwa corn soup, made through a labour-intensive process, while wild rice comes from First Nations people in northwestern Ontario.

Though meats like elk and bison are prepared traditionally, they are farmed, not wild, because the product must be certified and inspected.

Francis says there should be some leniency when it comes to wild food.

"The regulations put in place by the government don't allow us to fully express ourselves," he explained.

Elsewhere in Toronto, NishDish, a café focused on Anishinaabe recipes, was slated to open this month in Toronto.

> **You won't find any of this stuff in history books or cookbooks.**
> Rich Francis

A smattering of colleges also offer indigenous culinary courses. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Intelligence the new sexy for daters

"Sapiosexual", the new term sweeping online dating sites, recognises the subjective attraction of intelligence. ISTOCK

ONLINE DATING

Self-identifying as sapiosexual is the latest way to stand out

According to his Tinder profile, Liam Nelson, 26, likes good music and good food. He dislikes bad music and bad food. He also considers himself sapiosexual.

To Nelson, who is straight and works as a recruiter in Toronto, this means not necessarily a woman's IQ but her emotional maturity and open-mindedness. He knows it's entirely subjective.

"It's no different from saying: 'I'm attracted to brunettes.' It's not some sort of strict rule. It's what we know about ourselves in terms of what tends to push our buttons in order to feel attraction," Nelson says.

> **There's no blanket, universal definition of intelligence**
> Kristin Tynski

"Sapiosexual" refers to those "sexually attracted to highly-intelligent people," according to Merriam-Webster. Derived from the Latin for wise, sapiosexuality is technically genderless.

While the concept isn't new, the term has become a common declaration on dating apps.

Because it's 2017, there is, of course, an app for this. Newly-launched Sapio, designed for those "sick of superficial hookup apps," claims to have 50,000 new users in the last month.

"Sapiosexual" was defined as early as 2004 on Urban Dictionary as "one who finds intelligence the most sexually attractive feature."

The definition has been updated several times in the last few years to take on a more cynical tone appropriate for the digital age. From 2016: "For many, defining oneself as sapiosexual is also a statement against the current status quo of hookup culture and superficiality, where looks are prized above all else."

Some critics say sapiosexuality is ableist and possibly discriminatory, as intelligence comes in many forms.

"The saying 'smart is sexy' is problematic because you're insinuating (probably subconsciously) that those who aren't 'traditionally' smart are less attractive," wrote one commenter on a Facebook thread. The website Bustle called sapiosexuality "the worst dating trend" because it seems exclusionary.

Lindsay Gonder, 33, says she always swipes left on — ignores — self-proclaimed sapiosexuals. She doesn't like what the label implies: the pressure to perform "being smart" in order to appear attractive to someone else.

She also rejects the idea that intelligence and sex are mutually exclusive. "I can be intelligent and just want to hook up, and it's my decision," Gonder says.

Intelligence is an increasingly desirable trait in a partner, according to what's known as the American mate selection survey.

The most recent analysis, published in 2015 in the Journal of Family Issues, found men ranked "education and intelligence" fourth, up from 11th in 1939. Women ranked intelligence fifth, up from ninth 80 years ago. (Both sexes rank mutual love and attraction first.)

"There's no blanket, universal definition of intelligence," says Florida-based Sapio cofounder Kristin Tynski says.

And self-described sapiosexuals told us the attraction was less about having an advanced degree than someone's perspective or curiosity about the world.

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SUBJECTIVE

- Some individuals are attracted to social or emotional intelligence; others to intelligence based on education or intellect, says Sapio cofounder Kristin Tynski.
- Sapio users are encouraged to answer questions such as "What is the purpose of life?" or "What would your parents be most surprised to learn about you?" Users then search for response-based matches.

Nelly Furtado is back, and as pro-mischievous as ever

MUSIC

Restless artist's latest album offers another left turn

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Victoria-born Nelly Furtado has a new album, The Ride, coming out at the end of March. CARLOS OSORIO/TORONTO STAR

Nelly Furtado has an admirable track record of doing whatever Nelly Furtado isn't supposed to be doing at any given moment.

She followed up a multi-platinum 2003 debut album, Whoa, Nelly!, with an earnestly multicultural big-budget folk-pop followup, Folklore, that contained nothing remotely resembling I'm Like a Bird. Then she released Loose, a sexy, au courant Timbaland-produced club record that had some fans worrying about a "sellout," but which would move 12 million copies worldwide on the back of monster singles like Maneater and Promiscuous.

The logical thing for a Portuguese-Canadian gal from Toronto (via Victoria) to do next? A Spanish-language album entitled Mi Plan, of course.

Now, after a five-year hiatus following 2012's The Spirit Indestructible, during which she sought escape from the music industry in pottery, playwriting classes and other art projects, the 38-year-old has teamed up with unlikely producer John Congleton — whose exhaustive resumé includes records by such indie-rock stalwarts as Spoon, the War on Drugs and St. Vincent — for The Ride, out on Friday.

A quirky, groove-oriented lark full of squelched-out basslines, rhythmic and melodic left turns, and even a hint of Krautrock here and there, The Ride is probably not the album you expected Nelly Furtado to make in 2017. But then again, she hasn't really given us much of a pattern upon which to base expectations.

"I think I'm mischievous," says Furtado, hanging out at the Palmerston Ave. location of rare-vinyl mecca Cosmos Records, where she sought added inspiration between albums by working shifts behind the counter. "I have a healthy sense of mischief, so I think doing the unexpected satisfies the Puck in me. It's like: 'A-ha! Let's cause some trouble!'

"When people find out who produced (The Ride), it's like: 'Oh, that's interesting? What were they doing in the studio together?' And I love that. I love making people think. I don't like to do the same thing twice . . . I'm always seeking to learn. So I always wondered quietly: 'What would it be like if I teamed up with an alternative producer?' Like, a real, traditional, alternative producer."

Furtado was introduced to Congleton via Annie "St. Vincent" Clark, whom she befriended a few years ago when playing a festival in Japan.

After hearing Congleton's work on 2014's acclaimed St. Vincent, Furtado slyly prevailed upon Clark to pass along his number and rang him up in Texas. And, although she will concede "I think he was suspicious" at first, the two hit it off immediately and decided what the hell, knowing full well they were both taking a bit of a gamble on the project.

"We both had a lot to lose and a lot to gain, you know what I mean?" says Furtado. "We were both taking a risk by working with each other. But when both parties have some skin in the game, you both really want to make it work. You're there for a reason.

"And the reason just emerges. For him, he was hell-bent on me just showing my artistic side. But I had to prove myself to him as an artist first. But I think that's my whole thing: I like to show people what I can do."

Congleton was merciless, but in a good way. Furtado played him everything she'd demoed and "he didn't like any of it."

Eventually, the two realized they shared an enthusiasm for improvisation and the creative floodgates opened, with Congleton throwing random beats around and Furtado unearthing some older songs and finding new life in them.

"All I wanted was a singular-sounding album and I think John provided that," she says.

"As a singer, actually, he also pushed me. I sing the lowest note I've ever recorded on Dreams and the highest note I've ever recorded on a song called Live. Octaves between them. On Live, I was like: 'Really, John, are you sure want the chorus in the higher octave? It's really high. I sound like a whiny wild animal.' And he said: 'Nope, I like it. Because it has urgency. It has urgency and you sound like what you're singing.'

Gossip DIGEST

MUSIC

Rotten support for President Trump

Punk legend Johnny Rotten has voiced his support for President Donald Trump. The former Sex Pistols front man told ITV's Good Morning Britain that Trump "terrifies politicians and this is joy to behold." He says he looks at Trump as "a possible friend."

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TV

The Handmaid's Tale headed to Canadian TV

A highly-anticipated adaptation of Margaret Atwood's The Handmaid's Tale has landed a Canadian broadcaster.

The first season of the Toronto-shot drama, starring Elisabeth Moss, will debut on Bravo on April 30, and continue to air on subsequent Sundays. The entire first season will also launch on Bell Media's video streaming service CraveTV this spring.

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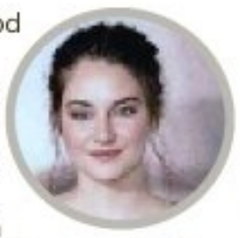
FILM

Actress Shailene Woodley reaches deal in pipeline protest



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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Final Girls season is brilliant

THE SHOW: Girls, Season 6, Episode 4 (HBO)
THE MOMENT: Desi's rehab

Desi (Ebon Moss-Bachrach), a musician, is in rehab. With a facilitator present, he confronts his ex-wife, Marnie (Allison Williams). "I've been thinking," Desi begins. He coughs. "Can I have some water?" Slowly, he pours water into a glass. More slowly, he drinks. With the glass half empty, he pauses. He drinks again.

Finally, he speaks. He tells her she made everything worse, and then when he was struggling, she walked away.

"I shut down?" she protests. "I gave up? Do you have any idea how hard this has been for me? I have bruises all over my body from the two-hour massages that I need to deal with the stress of your addiction."

I have loved this series from the beginning, but this final season is b.r.i.l.l.i.a.n.t. Creator Lena Dunham, her writers, cast and crew are killing it in every direction, pushing each moment to its limit.

The criticism that's been levelled repeatedly at this show is that the characters are self-involved — as if Dunham's unaware of that; as if she's not deliberately parsing that behaviour. With this episode, she's throwing down: You think they're narcissists? I'll show you narcissism.

Marni's (Allison Williams) narcissism is on full display in the final season of Girls. CONTRIBUTED

> **Creator Lena Dunham, her writers, cast and crew are killing it in every direction, pushing each moment to its limit.**

Just watch what Williams does with her body as Desi pours that water. Marnie simultaneously writhes with impatience yet believes that she's being supremely controlled and mature. She's feigning open-mindedness but is clearly just waiting for noises to stop coming out of Desi's mouth so it can be her turn to speak. He's every bit as magnificently monstrous. It's narcissism as pure comedic gold.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

TV AND FILM

Jenkins switches to TV for next project

Moonlight director Barry Jenkins will follow up his Oscar-winning film with a drama series for Amazon based on Colson Whitehead's The Underground Railroad.

Amazon announced Monday that it will develop the TV series, with Jenkins writing and directing the adaptation of the 2016 National Book Award winner.

Whitehead's The Underground Railroad is a part-historic, part-surrealistic novel about a slave who escapes on an actual railroad.

"Going back to The Intuitionist, Colson's writing has always defied convention, and The Underground Railroad is no different," said Jenkins in a statement. "It's a groundbreaking work that pays respect to our nation's history while using the form to explore it in a thoughtful and original way.

"Preserving the sweep and grandeur of a story like this requires bold, innovative thinking and in Amazon we've found a partner whose reverence for storytelling and freeness of form is wholly in line with our vision."

Jenkins has already been at work on the series, though how many episodes are planned was not announced. He is to write and direct.

> **It's a groundbreaking work that pays respect to our nation's history**
> Barry Jenkins

Moonlight, which last month won best picture, was Jenkins' second film following 2008's well-regarded but little-seen Medicine for Melancholy.

Made for just $1.5 million, Moonlight has grossed more than than $56 million worldwide.

It also won Academy Awards for Jenkins' screenplay, based on Tarell Alvin McCraney's play, and for Mahershala Ali's supporting performance.

The Underground Railroad will reunite much of the team behind Moonlight. Like that film, it will be produced by Adele Romanski and Brad Pitt's Plan B.

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Barry Jenkins' next project? The Underground Railroad. ASSOCIATED PRESS

TV AND FILM BRIEFS

Lucas' latest $10m pledge

George Lucas has given another $10 million to the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts to fund the diversity program he helped establish.

Last fall, USC established a foundation in Lucas' name to support students from underrepresented communities who qualify for financial support. It was funded with an initial $10 million gift from the George Lucas Family Foundation.

Michael Renov, vice dean of academy affairs, said the gift will help USC "recruit storytellers whose voices are underrepresented in cinematic media and whose inclusion benefits all of us."

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Trump Horror Story?

The cast of American Horror Story is opening up about rumours of a season based on President Donald Trump.

Series creator Ryan Murphy told Bravo's Andy Cohen last month that the FX drama's seventh season would be focused on the election and hinted the possibility of a Trump character.

When quizzed on the matter, star Sarah Paulson told The Associated Press a Trump-themed season doesn't fit what the show has done so far, but "anything is possible if it's what the audience craves."

Kathy Bates says she's OK with it, as long as she's not cast as the president.

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Spoon's new album changes the record

MUSIC

A chat with band frontman Britt Daniel

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This month, Spoon released its ninth album, Hot Thoughts — a slinky, synth-y effort that marks its return to esteemed indie label Matador Records for the first time since its 1996 debut, Telephono.

Torstar News Service sat down for a chat with affable bandleader Britt Daniel early Wednesday evening, a few hours before Spoon played one of the finest Spoon sets this writer has ever heard at SXSW festival in Austin. Here is most of that conversation, with a little edit here and there for clarity and concision.

The new record is definitely a bit of a change-up for you guys. Was that the plan?
Sometimes we have plans, but we've never stuck to them. This time, we discussed what we didn't want to do. For instance, there was a song called Own Your Mistake, which is an acoustic ballad that I'd worked on early when we were working on the record . . . Everybody was like: "Cool song."

But then I was just like: "Yeah, but do we really want to have an acoustic ballad on this album?" And I don't think we did. That felt too backward-looking and a little too earthy or something. If anything, we wanted to make it more futuristic . . .

I know you've been dogged by the term "minimalist" for most of your career, but I kinda think this is Spoon's "maximalist" album.
I don't mind that term. "Minimal" or "maximal," I don't mind either of those. When people say "indie rock" I don't know what you're talking about. Please define that for me.

Was there anything in particular that led you in a synth-ier direction this time around?
Well, Alex (Fischel), our keyboard player — who was in Divine Fits with me — is really good . . . We lean on him to colour the songs, so that's probably a lot of what you're hearing.

Spoon has always struck me as a precision instrument. Not a lot of room for error.
Well, we've made many errors. I made an error last night. I forgot which verse of "Hot Thoughts" we were in and I was away from the mic when I was supposed to be singing. So it happens. But the thing is, it doesn't have to ruin the show. I think people respond well to accidents as long as you acknowledge them. If you let it get to you and bum you out, then yeah, it's all over. And that's no good.

What brought you back to Matador Records after all these years?
They made a good argument. We stayed friends with those guys and Gerard, one of the founders, lives here in Austin so I would see him all the time. It basically boils down to they made a good argument why we should work with them on this record and I kinda just felt like, after looking at all the options, if we're going to have success, I'd rather have success with Matador than anyone else because I love these dudes and I have ultimate respect for what they've done as a label. They have integrity. They're not going to do it by taking the s— act or the dumb single.

Did you ever think when you started this band you'd be doing it 20 years later?
I always wanted to be making records . . . but when we started this band I had been in three bands in the four or five years prior, so I didn't have any concept that this would keep going. I thought it would probably be another one- or two-year project, you know? But here we are.

Spoon, led by singer/guitarist Britt Daniel, released their ninth album this month. GETTY IMAGES

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A springboard into the work world for young adults

Career Launch program now template for other companies to develop strong internship programs for people under 24

At 23, Karolina Kopylec was struggling to find her feet in the work world. A recent criminology grad from the University of Ottawa, she was working two jobs — one in sales at a gym and the other as a server at night.

"I wasn't sure I wanted to pursue a career in criminology," she says, admitting she chose her major at 16, largely because "at the time I was watching CSI."

Yet, she had no credentials or work experience in other fields. "I felt a little stuck," she says. "Everyone wants three to five years' experience, but how do you get that if you don't have the background?"

That's when Kopylec stumbled on RBC's Career Launch program for college and university grads struggling to make the transition from school to practical, hands-on experience.

"The world of work has changed," says Madeleine Barker, director, development programs at RBC. "Things are moving faster and employers expect new employees to get up and running quickly." And yet, she says, skills learned through post-secondary education often don't easily translate without additional support or mentoring in the work world.

RBC's Career Launch attempts to remedy that through a yearlong paid internship for 100, under 24-year-old, post-secondary grads from across Canada. The bank gets about 1,500 applicants yearly from backgrounds as diverse as accounting and kinesiology. It whittles the numbers down via a lottery.

For Kopylec, who now has a permanent position at RBC, the internship was life changing. "I'm a completely different person from when I started," she says. "I gained confidence and got pushed beyond my comfort zone. But I felt supported in that."

Career Launch is part of RBC Future Launch, Canada's largest corporate commitment to helping prepare young people for the future of work. RBC Future Launch will invite new ways of thinking, working with a wide range of partners and experts to provide equitable access to opportunities and solutions in the world of work for today and into the future.

"But we don't have all answers and we can't do this alone," says Barker.

Hence RBC's most recent initiative: the Launching Careers Playbook. "Heading into our fourth year of the program, we've learned a lot," says Barker. "We want to inspire and enable other employers — from large organizations to small businesses — to offer internships of their own."

Launching Careers Playbook incorporates "everything we've learned through Career Launch" in an online toolbox aimed at helping employers provide a great early-career experience for young adults. Employers can access info on managing and designing successful internship programs, as well as coaching and mentoring young adults.

That's important, says Barker, because ultimately, everyone benefits when young adults are able to unlock their potential.

To learn more, visit rbc.com/futurelaunch.

RBC's Career Launch program helps new grads under 24 (such as Karolina Kopylec, centre) quickly build their resume via yearlong, paid internships. CONTRIBUTED

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"We're still enjoying it every day": Scott Moir who, along with Tessa Virtue, will look to win a third world ice dance title this week in Helsinki

Hockey's next frontier

NHL

NBA serves as a model in expanding a sport in China

When Andong Song started playing hockey in China at age 6, he wore figure skates on his feet and had to use the straight parts of short-track speedskating rinks for practice.

His father brought back equipment from his travels one piece at a time, and his family moved to Canada a few years later so he could pursue a career in the sport. Song, the first Chinese player selected in the NHL draft, envisions a day when that sort of cross-global exodus is no longer necessary for kids growing up in China.

That could be coming soon with the NHL looking at China as hockey's next great frontier. With the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, China is eager to step up its game and the league is intrigued by the potential of a new non-traditional market with 1.4 billion people that might take to hockey like it did basketball.

"It's a place that hasn't had that much of an opportunity to be introduced to what everybody acknowledges is a great game," commissioner Gary Bettman said. "Because of the size of the market and the fact that lots of sports haven't been developed there, it's a good opportunity to expand the sport even further."

This week, Bettman is expected to announce NHL preseason games in China between the Los Angeles Kings and Vancouver Canucks, along with grassroots programs to build a hockey foundation where the NBA has laid one for decades. It's the first big step toward the NHL making inroads in China, whether or not players participate in the 2018 Olympics in neighbouring South Korea.

NHL Players' Association executive director Don Fehr said showcasing the NHL, running clinics and getting more broadcast coverage all figure into the long-term strategy. Even though Russia's expansive Kontinental Hockey League now has a team based in Beijing, NHL exhibition games — and potentially regular-season games as early as fall 2018 — will have a bigger impact.

"Even with the KHL there, they know it's not the best league," said Song, a Beijing native and sixth-round pick of the New York Islanders in 2015 who now plays for the Madison Capitols of the United States Hockey League. "They know it's not the NHL."

According to the International Ice Hockey Federation, China only has 1,101 registered players and 154 indoor rinks. Despite having a quarter of China's population, the U.S. has 543,239 players and 1,800 indoor rinks.

By October, 14 different NBA teams will have played 24 preseason games in greater China since 2004, so the NHL has some catching up to do. The Boston Bruins sent an envoy on a Chinese tour last summer that included players Matt Beleskey and David Pastrnak, and Washington Capitals owner Ted Leonsis recently said his team could be next after hosting youth players from China in January.

"There will be about 200 new rinks being built in China and we would expect China being a very, very formidable force in the Olympics," said Leonsis, who called China the next great hockey market. "And also we'll see that China will be producing players and I would expect that we'll have NHL players that were born and trained, just like we've seen in the NBA, and China will be able to bring players here."

The NBA gained popularity in China in part due to Yao Ming, the first pick in the 2002 draft. The NHL is going into China hoping to develop homegrown stars. Chinese broadcaster and producer Longmou Li, who has worked the Stanley Cup Final and helped families move to North America for hockey, said 500 to 600 new families are joining the Beijing Hockey Association each year, which could mean churning out an NHL first-round pick every five to six years.

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Players vie for the puck beneath a Chinese flag during a youth hockey tournament in Beijing in February. MARK SCHIEFELBEIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **Because hockey is just so passionate a game, is so fast a game, it's so easy to get people to get involved.**
>
> Chinese broadcaster and producer Longmou Li

Canadian clubs make great gains in 2016-17

The embarrassment of an empty Canadian spring in the NHL has been wiped away.

Canadian teams have made huge strides from last season, when all seven squads missed out on the playoffs for the first time since 1970. In fact, five of the seven biggest leaps in points from last season to this season are projected to come from Canadian clubs, with the second-biggest coming out of Edmonton.

Projected point gains from last season (entering Monday's action):

1. Columbus Blue Jackets - 38
2. Edmonton Oilers - 29
3. Toronto Maple Leafs - 25
4. Montreal Canadiens - 20
5. Calgary Flames - 19
6. Minnesota Wild - 17
7. Ottawa Senators - 15

T-10. Winnipeg Jets - 3

T-17. Vancouver Canucks - minus-1

Which teams are due for the biggest dips from last season?

30. Colorado - minus-34
29. Dallas - minus-29
28. Florida - minus-18
27. Los Angeles - minus-17
26. Detroit - minus-13

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Prior to Monday, the Flames were projected to finish with 96 points, 19 more than in 2015-16.

FLAMES MONAHAN LEADS THE WAY PAST AVALANCHE
Flames centre Sean Monahan, left, celebrates his goal with Troy Brouwer against the Avalanche at Scotiabank Saddledome on Monday night. Monahan added three assists and the Flames hung on for a 4-2 victory.
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IN BRIEF

Bolts overcome three-goal deficit to beat Blackhawks

Yanni Gourde had a breakaway goal 4:25 into overtime and the Tampa Bay Lightning rallied from a three-goal deficit to beat the Chicago Blackhawks 5-4 on Monday night.

Victor Hedman set up the winner with his third assist of the game.

Tampa Bay, which trails Boston by a point for the second Eastern Conference wild card, also got two goals from Jonathan Drouin.

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Brown wins national men's slalom title

Toronto's Phil Brown was crowned national men's slalom champion after finishing third in Monday's race at the Canadian skiing championships.

Brown entered the second run with a lead, but made a costly mistake to finish with a total time of two minutes 6.27 seconds.

AJ Ginnis won with a time of 2:05.52 and fellow American Michael Ankeny finished second in 2:06.16.

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SNOWBOARDING

McMorris suffers multiple injuries

Mark McMorris GETTY IMAGES

An accident on a jump "well within his skill level" in British Columbia's backcountry has left Canadian snowboarding star Mark McMorris with serious injuries.

A medal favourite at next year's Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, McMorris is recovering in a Vancouver hospital from a broken jaw, broken left arm, ruptured spleen, stable pelvic fracture, rib fractures and a collapsed left lung. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Top: Jonas Valanciunas hugs former teammate Terrence Ross on Monday. Bottom: DeMar DeRozan drives past Ross on his way to a 36-point night. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Back to reality

NBA

Former Magic friends fail to cast spell on rolling Raptors

DeMar DeRozan scored 36 points to lead the Toronto Raptors in a 131-112 rout of the Orlando Magic on Monday night.

Cory Joseph had a double-double with 15 points and a career-high 13 assists as Toronto (45-29) won its sixth straight.

Norman Powell's shooting was lethal for the Raptors, getting 16 points including four three-pointers. Jonas Valanciunas pulled down nine rebounds to go with 17 points and Serge Ibaka scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds in his first game against his former team.

DeRozan was named the Eastern Conference player of the week earlier Monday after averaging 33.3 points, .488 field goal percentage and 5.7 assists over the past three games, all wins for Toronto.

It was a rude homecoming for guard Terrence Ross, who had 17 points for Orlando (27-47). Elfrid Payton led the Magic with 22 points and nine assists.

Ross was drafted by the Raptors eighth overall in 2012 and tied Vince Carter's franchise record for scoring in a game with 51 points against the Los Angeles Clippers on Jan. 25, 2014. He was traded to the Magic on Feb. 14 with a 2017 first-round pick in exchange for Ibaka.

During team introductions Ross got a round of cheers from the sell-out crowd of 19,800 at Air Canada Centre. The applause slowly turned to boos, however, as Ross led the Magic to an early 7-0 lead with a three-pointer and a field goal.

Ross also received a standing ovation after a video package of his time in Toronto was played during the first TV timeout. The tribute included some of his biggest slam dunks, including his performance that won the NBA's Slam Dunk Competition in 2012.

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MONDAY In Toronto

131	112
RAPTORS	MAGIC

Donald gets V.C. treatment

Vince Carter is a fan of a T-shirt a designer made of the former Raptors star dunking a basketball over a grimacing Donald Trump.

"I'll definitely wear it," Carter said in a video posted on Twitter by T-shirt designer Dan Carson.

"It'll probably bring out some controversy, but it's all worth it. Appreciate it."

The shirt's modelled on Carter's jaw-dropping dunk over seven-foot-two Frederic Weis of France en route to Olympic gold for the U.S. at the 2000 Sydney Games.

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IN BRIEF

Hockey kids will learn on smaller ice surfaces

Hockey Canada says it will make it mandatory that children get their first introduction to hockey play on reduced-size ice surfaces instead of full-sized rinks.

The organization has been recommending half-ice, or cross-ice, for its initiation programs for five and six-year-olds for three decades.

A number of provincial amateur hockey bodies already require rinks be partitioned into smaller surfaces for games for their youngest players. But Hockey Canada said there are still holdouts where beginners play their games on full-sized rinks.

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NBA

Ailing Cavs easy work for Leonard, Spurs

Kawhi Leonard scored 25 points and the San Antonio Spurs dismantled the ailing Cleveland Cavaliers 103-74 on Monday night in a showdown that turned into a major letdown for the defending NBA champions.

LaMarcus Aldridge and Pau Gasol added 14 points apiece for the Spurs, who won their fifth straight. Cleveland (47-26) dropped its second in a row and fell a half-game behind Boston (48-26) for the top seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

In addition to scoring a season-low 17 points, Cavaliers superstar LeBron James was injured late in the third quarter after taking an elbow to the base of his neck. He remained on the bench for a while receiving medical attention, then headed toward the locker room and didn't return to the game.

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Kawhi Leonard holds off LeBron James THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONDAY In Texas

103	74
SPURS	CAVALIERS

HOCKEY

Senators weigh in on U.S. women's boycott

Pressure is mounting on USA Hockey in its wage dispute with the women's national team.

On Monday, 16 U.S. senators wrote a letter to executive director Dave Ogrean, urging him to resolve the matter. The message came four days before the start of the women's world championship, which players threatened to boycott if significant progress was not made toward an agreement.

USA Hockey's board of directors held a meeting Monday afternoon, but had not emerged with a resolution as of late Monday night. Players said Sunday in a statement that they were hopeful USA Hockey would agree to what was hammered out after 10-plus hours of in-person talks a week ago.

The senators, all Democrats, cited the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act and told Ogrean he should ensure the team receives "equitable resources."

They joined a chorus of support that includes unions representing players from the NHL, NBA, NFL and Major League Baseball. Those organizations said over the weekend they stood with the women's team and criticized USA Hockey for attempting to find replacement players.

Prominent NHL agent Allan Walsh tweeted Sunday, "Word circulating among NHL players that American players will refuse to play in men's World Championships in solidarity with the women." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fresh Butternut Squash and Black Bean Quesadilla

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

We've never met a lunchbox that doesn't love a quesadilla.

Ready in 1 hour
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 5 cups butternut squash, peeled and cubed
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp chili powder
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 x 14 oz can black beans, rinsed
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- big handful of cilantro, chopped
- 8 tortillas

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, toss squash with spices and olive oil until well coated.

2. Spread evenly on baking sheet and place in oven for 20 minutes.

3. Remove from oven and add beans to baking sheet. Give everything a stir and again, spread evenly on the sheet. Place back in oven for 20 minutes.

4. Drizzle a bit of oil in skillet over medium heat. Place a tortilla down and spread 1/4 of the squash and bean mixture to the edge of the tortilla. Sprinkle 1/2 cup of grated cheese and then a bit of cilantro. Top with another tortilla. Place a plate on top and press down firmly. Cook about five minutes until tortilla is golden and cheese is beginning to melt. Carefully flip quesadilla over and cook another five minutes on the other side. Repeat with the rest of your tortillas and squash.

5. Cut cooked quesadilla into quarters and serve with guacamole, sour cream and salsa.

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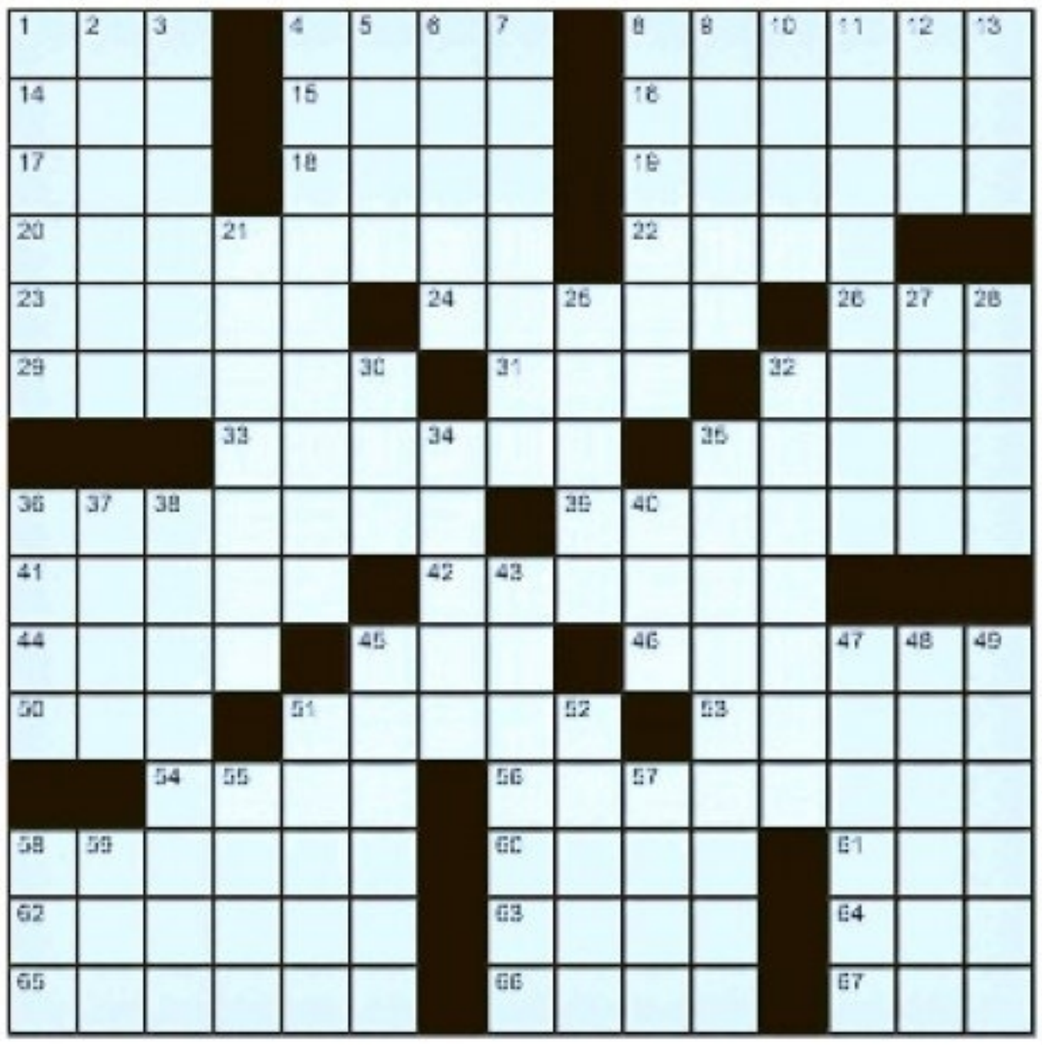

ACROSS
1. "The _ Diary" (2011)
4. Montreal Canadiens, to fans
8. Talkative
14. With _-' (How #49-Down's answer begins)
15. Not well-y
16. British actor Hugh of "House"
17. Canuck financial inst.
18. Bob _ (Former anchor on "Entertainment Tonight")
19. Broken, as promises
20. Alberta: Paddle River town northwest of Edmonton
22. Raised flatland
23. Nonpareil
24. Unstable, like a boat in rough waters
26. Dance style
29. Named/designated
31. Weep
32. Canadian contractor Mr. Holmes
33. "That very well may be...": 2 wds.
35. Group ruled by Odin
36. Ohio, The _ State
39. Component
41. "I'm with You" singer Ms. Lavigne
42. From Sea to Sea: 'A Mari Usque _ _' (Canada's motto)
44. No, in Germany
45. Grand _ (Wine classification)
46. Boss, head _
50. Suffix with 'Euclid'
51. Wine holders
53. Fender guitar, familiarly
54. "Star Trek II: The Wrath of _" (1982)
56. Northeastern Alberta town: 2 wds.
58. Soundless
60. Mike's "Wayne's World" (1992) co-star
61. Handheld mobile device [acronym]
62. Exaggerate
63. 'Hypn' suffix
64. "I-i-c-k-y!"
65. Professor's preparation
66. Distribute the divisions
67. Gr. that kidnapped Patty Hearst

DOWN
1. Bunny
2. Not yet fabricated
3. Pier anchorer
4. 'Gateway to the South' town in northern Alberta: 2 wds.
5. Soother-of-skin succulent
6. Lamb's utterance
7. Representatives, such as in business transactions
8. Like handfuls of soil
9. Mr. _ (Schemer on classic sitcom "Green Acres")
10. Diving birds
11. Scholar's essay
12. Pencil part
13. Nevertheless
21. Baking/serving bowl
25. Preamble
27. Similar
28. 2in1 hair care brand
30. Susan of "L.A. Law"
32. Movie of 2000 for Australian actor Guy Pearce in which Vancouver-born actress Carrie-Anne Moss also starred
34. Approaches
35. Division of Canadian firm Bombardier Inc
36. Scourge
37. Iris's place
38. Sounds like walked-upon dry fallen leaves
40. "Well, _-di-dah."
43. Cambridge, for Prince William
45. Uri, for William Tell
47. "Sheesh!"
48. Baroque composer of the oratorio Messiah
49. ByWard Market city
51. _-_ attitude (Positive person's asset)
52. Writing tablet
55. His 'n' _
57. Work with needles and yarn
58. Pine-_ (Cleansing product)
59. "You're All _ Got Tonight" by The Cars

✷ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Put a lid on things today, because it's easy to get out of control since you are more emotional than usual. In fact, you are intense and a bit over the top! Easy does it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today you might do a slow boil about something behind the scenes, because you are quietly annoyed. The problem is that you cannot speak up. This is always frustrating.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Be patient with a friend today, or with someone who is a member of a group to which you belong. There's no point in fighting with someone. What's the upside?

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You are high-viz today and extremely focused on something related to bosses, parents or some kind of authority figure. Don't get carried away.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Avoid subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because these are too touchy. Your response to others will be too emotional.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Disputes about shared property, inheritances, wills and insurance issues might arise today. If so, you will have strong feelings about something. Just remember your objectives.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will have to go more than halfway to get along with others today. Just accept this and be cooperative. Make your life easier.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Avoid arguments with co-workers today, because people are opinionated and pushy. Save your bright suggestions for another day. You'll be glad you did.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Parents might be challenged by hissy fits and meltdowns from their kids today. Be patient and loving. Likewise, romantic partners will have to be easygoing in order to avoid fights.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your desire to make some improvements at home could be met with resistance. Don't be too pushy. In time, you will get your way. If you push too hard today, you only will increase opposition.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today you are more emotional than usual, especially during your discussions with siblings and relatives. Try not to let your feelings get in the way of your common sense.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If shopping today, you will be obsessed with buying something: "I have to have it!" Be careful. Don't do anything you will regret later.

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